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SUBJECT: 33RD GA: GENERAL DEBATE, SEPT 27 AM

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING AN ADDRESS BY OAU PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, THE UNGA AT ITS SEPTEMBER 27 MORNING SESSION CONTINUED ITS GENERAL DEBATE WITH STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTERS PUJA AND OWEN OF HUNGARY AND THE UK. (THE SCHEDULED FRENCH AND ARGENTINE STATEMENTS WERE DEFERRED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON SESSION IN VIEW OF THE HOUR.) NIMEIRI EMPHASIZED THE OAU'S KHARTOUM CONFERENCE DECISIONS, AND OWEN DEVOTED A MAJOR PORTION OF HIS SPEECH TO A REVIEW OF HMG'S POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

1. SUDANESE PRESIDENT GAAFAR MOHAMED NIMEIRI ADDRESSED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPT 27 IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND CONSEQUENTLY HIS STATEMENT REFLECTED OAU RATHER THAN PURELY SUDANESE FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS. NIMEIRI PRAISED THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT MEETING LAST JULY, AND THE PROGRESS THE OAU HAS MADE IN LEARNING TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH AFRICAN PROBLEMS. HE UNDERScoreD THE AFRICAN COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO REPEL ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION ON THE CONTINENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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HE ALSO STRESSED THAT AFRICA WOULD STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE ARAB STATES, WITH WHICH IT SHARED A LONG HISTORY OF RELATIONS AND INTERACTIONS.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA: NIMEIRI STATED THAT THE FREEDOM MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA ARE CERTAIN TO ERADICATE THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, AND THAT THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE TO AFRICA IS DIRECT ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. NIMEIRI CALLED FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AND HE CITED THE OAU RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AN OIL EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. HE CRITICIZED "SOME POWERS" FOR CONTINUING TO COOPERATE ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY WITH THE "DEGENERATE" SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE TO ATTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE UNDER THE BANNER OF SWAPO, AND HE CALLED UPON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TERMINATE SOUTH AFRICA'S MANEUVERS TO BLOCK SC ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SYG PREPARED PURSUANT TO SC RES 431. ON ZIMBABWE, NIMEIRI STATED THAT A JUST SOLUTION IS ATTAINABLE ONLY IF IT EMBODIES THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AS REPRESENTED

BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE STATED THAT THE UN SHOULD PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PF, AND EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE TOTAL ECONOMIC EMBARGO ON SALISBURY.

3. FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA: NIMEIRI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT AFRICA IS BEING SUBJECTED TO PERSISTENT INTERFERENCE BY FOREIGN POWERS WHICH THREATENS TO DIVIDE AFRICANS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT MEETING STRONGLY CONDEMNED ALL POLICIES OF INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE. HE STRESSED THAT THE RESOLUTION OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AFRICANS THEMSELVES, AND THAT ANY COMMON AFRICAN MILITARY CONTINGENT (AS CALLED FOR AT KHARTOUM) SHOULD BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OAU.

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4. ARAB-AFRICAN RELATIONS: THE AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE

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HELD IN CAIRO IN MARCH 1977 REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THESE TWO PEOPLES AGAINST COLONIALIST AND RACIST FORCES, SUCH AS THE "PRETORIA-SALISBURY-TEL AVIV AXIS." IN SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, NIMEIRI SAID THAT AFRICA HAD "INSTINCTIVELY REALIZED ... THE ORGANIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE RACIST REGIMES" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND "HAD ONCE AGAIN AFFIRMED THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

5. MIDDLE EAST: NIMEIRI REITERATED THE OAU POSITION THAT THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IS THE SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND THAT ISRAEL CONSTITUTES THE STUMBLING BLOCK TO ACHIEVEMENT OF JUST AND PERMANENT PLACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HOWEVER, NIMEIRI HAILED THE CAMP DAVID NEGOTIATIONS AND STATED HE WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THE RESULTS AS ONE SHOULD NOT RUSH TO AN EVALUATION.

6. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE: NIMEIRI ASSOCIATED THE OAU WITH THE GROUP OF 77 CONCERNING THE NEED TO CHANGE THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE IN WHICH DEVELOPED

INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
CONTROL OVER THE RESOURCES OF MOST THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.
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HE ASSERTED THAT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED TO ACHIEVE THIS NEW
ORDER HAD NOT BEEN TOTALLY FULFILLED BY THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, AND STATED THAT THE AFRICANS LOOKED FORWARD
TO CONVENING OF THE SECOND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE FOR THE
COMMON FUND IN GENEVA NEXT NOVEMBER.

7. DISARMAMENT: NIMEIRI CRITICIZED THE DEVELOPED NATIONS
FOR SPENDING ON ARMAMENTS LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WHICH COULD
BE DIRECTED INSTEAD TOWARD INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
HOWEVER, THE SPECIAL GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT HELD LAST
JUNE, ALTHOUGH FALLING SHORT OF AFRICAN EXPECTATIONS,
WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

8. THE STATEMENT OF HUNGARIAN FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA IN
LARGE PART ECHOED SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO'S SPEECH OF THE
PREVIOUS DAY. DEVOTING A MAJOR PORTION OF HIS TALK TO
DISARMAMENT, PUJA SAID, "THERE IS NO TASK MORE IMPORTANT
AND URGENT THAN DEFENDING PEACE," AND CALLED FOR A DEEPENING
OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DETENTE, WHICH, HE SAID, IS
IN CRISIS. HE ACCUSED FORCES OPPOSED TO THE RELAXATION
OF TENSION OF JUSTIFYING THEIR INTENTIONS WITH FALSE
ARGUMENTS "LIKE THE NON-EXISTENT SOVIET MILITARY THREAT"
AND DEPLORED WHAT HE CALLED THE DECISION OF THE WASHINGTON
NATO SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO "LAUNCH A LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF
ARMAMENTS." BUT, THE FONMIN SAID, HUNGARY LOOKS WITH OP-
TIMISM TO THE FUTURE AND VIEWS DETENTE AS A "NECESSITY."
HE ASKED THAT IT BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE ARMS RACE,
SAYING THAT HUNGARY SPARES NO EFFORT "TO PREVENT THE
GENIE OF THE COLD WAR FROM GETTING OUT OF THE BOTTLE OF
THE PAST." PUJA APPLAUDED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS
PROPOSAL AT THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION TO END THE ARMS
RACE, CALLED FOR A COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR TESTING,
AND SAID NEUTRON BOMB PRODUCTION SHOULD BE BANNED ONCE
AND FOR ALL.

9. HUNGARY ATTACHES GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE UPCOMING
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US-USSR TALKS WHICH IT HOPES WILL BRING SALT II TO A
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA IN JUNE
WERE NOT A SUCCESS, PUJA SAID, ADDING THAT, FOLLOWING
THE PATH OF HELSINKI, "EUROPE COULD SET ANOTHER EXAMPLE

(OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION) IN
VIENNA."

10. OTHER ISSUES: PUJA CALLED THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT
"HUMILIATING" AND AN "AFFRONT" TO THE INTERESTS OF THE

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ARAB PEOPLES. HE CRITICIZED SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS IN NAMIBIA AS AN "OUTRIGHT DEFIANCE" OF OUR WORLD ORGANIZATION," AND "CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS" FOR STILL MAINTAINING COMMERCIAL CONTACTS WITH THE SALISBURY REGIME. HE SAID HUNGARY FINDS "DISQUIETING" THE NEWS OF TENSIONS IN SE ASIA AND CONDEMNS CHINA FOR ITS HEGEMONISTIC" POLICIES. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PUJA REJECTED ANY ATTEMPT AT INTERFERENCE IN MATTERS WITHIN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF A STATE UNDER THE "PRETEXT OF DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS." HE OPPOSED THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES.

11. DR. DAVID OWEN, BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, BEGAN HIS ADDRESS BY RECOUNTING THE SUCCESSES THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS HAD IN BRINGING INDEPENDENCE TO 35 STATES THAT WERE FORMERLY TERRITORIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. OWEN CALLED ON THE UN TO SEEK THE MEANS FOR CARRYING OUT THE DECISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION, TO BUILD UP ITS STRENGTH, AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

12. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE: DR. OWEN POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS NOT YET FULLY REALIZED BY ALL

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PEOPLE. THE CHALLENGE OF THIS ISSUE FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS TO PREPARE FOR THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEW WEALTH, AND TO GENERATE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CORRECTING THE GREAT DISPARITIES BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS. FOR LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE CHALLENGE IS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE DISCIPLINE NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING RAPID AND STABLE EXPANSION. HE SAID THERE IS A NEED TO FOCUS ON THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF OPTIMAL MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD'S LIMITED RESOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY AND FINANCE,

THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM RICHER TO POORER COUNTRIES, AND THE PROBLEM OF FINDING MARKETS FOR THE OUTPUT OF NEWLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RELIEVE THE DEBT BURDEN OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS PARTNERS CAN NO LONGER USE THE TIMEWORN EXCUSE OF THE "COLONIAL LEGACY" TO ABSOLVE THEMSELVES FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE DIVISION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM AND RESPONSIBILITY.

13. DISARMAMENT/PEACEKEEPING: OWEN POINTED OUT THAT THE ACCUMULATION OF MILITARY POWER DRAINS AWAY RESOURCES THAT COULD BE USED FOR WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING PRACTICAL ACTIONS TOWARD ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. THE UN MUST FACE THE PROBLEM OF EXPANDING THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITHOUT THE RISK OF WEAPONS PROLIFERATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES WOULD REINFORCE NON-PROLIFERATION. OWEN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR CONCERNING STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, AND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, IN WHICH THE UNITED KINGDOM PARTICIPATES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL DESERVES MORE ATTENTION. HE IS ENCOURAGED BY THE TALKS ON MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE, BUT WARNS THAT SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES

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REMAIN UNRESOLVED. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY LAUDED THE UN FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AND THEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM IF REQUESTED BY THE UN WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ON SEVEN DAYS' NOTICE AN INFANTRY BATTALION GROUP OR A ROYAL MARINE COMMANDO GROUP FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS AS WELL AS OTHER PEACEKEEPING ASSISTANCE INCLUDING OBSERVERS AND TRAINING.

14. MIDDLE EAST: DR. OWEN POINTED TO THE SUCCESS OF UNIFIL IN LEBANON, BUT ALSO SAID THAT THE SOLUTION TO LEBANON'S PROBLEMS LIES IN A WIDER AGREEMENT ON THE

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PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ATTRIBUTES THE SUCCESS

OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT TO THE FACT THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND THE PRIME MINISTER PARTICIPATED IN THE TALKS, AND THAT DETAILS WERE DISCUSSED, NOT JUST DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLE. THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT CAMP DAVID ARE BASED ON RESOLUTION 242 AND HAVE THE UNITED KINGDOM'S FULL SUPPORT.

15. SOUTHERN AFRICA: DR. OWEN POINTED TO THE INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE UN CAN ACT GIVEN POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND PATIENT DIPLOMACY. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR NAMIBIA TO BECOME INDEPENDENT WERE REJECTED. OWEN CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND CALLED FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. FOR ZIMBABWE, OWEN STATED THAT THE GOAL IS A NON-RACIAL SOCIETY AND INDEPENDENCE. THE PRESENT SITUATION IS PRODUCING ATROCITIES, REFUGEES, AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN NEIGHBORING STATES. THE UNITED KINGDOM IS STRIVING FOR A SOLUTION BASED ON UN PRINCIPLES. ULTIMATELY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE MUST DECIDE THE BASIS OF THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY RULED OUT THE USE OF FORCE BY ANY WESTERN POWER TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT ON ZIMBABWE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT A SOLUTION MUST INCLUDE ALL PARTIES. IN A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, HE SAID THAT FOR ZIMBABWE

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"THERE MUST BE NO EXCLUSIONS; THERE MUST BE AN INCLUSIVE SETTLEMENT." YOUNG

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